

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

Romans 15: 4-13            Matthew 3: 1-12  
 Eucharistic Prayer A

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Readings for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Conception of Virgin Mary**

Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12    Luke 1: 26-38

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**

Isiah 35: 1-10            James 5: 7-10    Matthew 11: 2-11  
 Eucharistic Prayer B

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

1 Peter 4:12-end            Matthew 18: 18-22

*Please note: These readings and collects may be subject to variation.*



**St Andrew's Rushmere**  
**Focus for weeks**  
**4<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December**



**Services at St Andrews**

Every Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am	Worship for All (A service especially for families and children)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am	Service of the Word
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month	10.00am	Holy Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am	Family Communion
Thursdays	10.00am	Holy Communion
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	4.00pm	t@4 (Worship and tea especially for families and children)
2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month	10.00am	Sunday School (Church Hall- Term time)
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month	8.30-10.00am	Prayer Breakfast (Church Hall-Breakfast after)

For more information on services and events visit the website:  
[www.standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net](http://www.standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net)

## RTU Sale

We are delighted to say the sale has raised over £3000. As money is still coming in we will give an exact figure at a later date.

A big THANKYOU to everyone who made the sale such a huge success; the organisers, those that set up and cleared away, manned stalls, catered or provided gifts and of course cakes. Thank you again.



## Find Christmas Appeal 2022



It's time again when we support our local charity FIND at Christmas.

As last year FIND have requested that we do not donate toys as previous years, but acceptable gifts of:

- Tins / Tubs of Biscuits, Sweets / Chocolates placed in a festive bag are welcomed.
- Gift vouchers with attached receipt to the value of £10.00 upwards, can be obtained from the following: Tesco, Coop, Aldi, Sainsbury's, Smyths Toys, Primark, Argos, Marks and Spencer.

A festive Tree with labels attached, will be in Church from **13/11/22 - 11/12/22**, the last day, so that FIND can get contributions out

Please collect your label/s, and return items to church each Sunday within these dates. Thank you.  
Gloria

## QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to a severe loss of revenue to our church due to Covid-19 the QR code will continue to be seen in Focus.

The code can be scanned by a mobile phone with a camera and will connect to the Give-a-Little page linked to the website:

<https://rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com>

Any queries, please ask our Treasurer on 724211 or a Church Warden.



### A Prayer for the New Vicar

Lord, as we enter a new stage,  
may you give us open hearts,  
grace to grow in faith and prayer and  
help us to serve you in our local community.  
Lord, bless and equip the person you are preparing  
to lead here.  
May they have vision and insight and a prayerful,  
pastoral heart to serve young and old alike in this  
community.

Amen.

Please email your items to [standrewr@gmail.com](mailto:standrewr@gmail.com)  
or telephone Claire Driver on 623419,  
or Gill Crisp on 253743.  
**by 9pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December deadline**  
Next Focus is **18<sup>th</sup> December – 31<sup>st</sup> December**

## The Real Advent Calendar

Thank you so much for your support in buying the 'Real Advent Calendars' again this year.

It's delicious chocolate, great to be able to support charities in this way AND especially to promote the REAL Christmas story. Besides treating your families and friends you donated enough for us to send a complete box of calendars (18) to FIND. We pray that all the recipients will be blessed. THANK YOU. Margaret.

## Beacon of Love

Last year we initiated sponsorship of our floodlighting at St Andrew's Church through December to February.

This is something we would like to extend to all residents in our parish and we hope the lighting will become a beacon of love and hope in difficult times. Perhaps you would like the church lit in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or as a thank you to neighbours and friends for their support.

You can sponsor the lighting of the Church for one evening for just **£10**, and dedicate a message in a commemorative book, kept in the Church.

To be included please call in at church and use the signup sheet and gift aid envelopes, selecting your nominated date between **1st December and 28th February** (and advise an alternative date as some get filled quickly).

Alternatively please email Ruth at [rsilburn@hotmail.com](mailto:rsilburn@hotmail.com) with details of your dedication and a contact phone number for information about payment.

**t@4** –Our Christmas t@4 will be on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm**. Please bring a plate of food to share. For more details contact Penny.



## Nativity Trail



This year's Nativity Trail around the church will start on **14th December** and will have a theme of 'STARS'. Come and follow the Star Trail to Bethlehem.

For more information visit the website:

[www.standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net](http://www.standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net)



## Can you Help with the Nativity Trail?

We would be grateful for any unwanted star shaped decorations and battery operated fairy lights for the Star Trail. Please speak to Marion or Paul if you can help. Many thanks.



## Carol Service

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**6.30pm**



The Christmas story told through carols, traditional and modern and readings.

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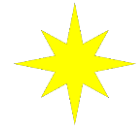
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